

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE MITIGATION GUIDELINES AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

30-Day Notice

Issue Date: August 2, 2004 Expiration Date: until further notice

Interested parties are hereby notified the Mitigation Guidelines and Monitoring Requirements, available at https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/, will be applied throughout the Portland District (District) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The District encompasses the State of Oregon and State of Washington Ports located on the Columbia River from the Port of Ilwaco to Port of Klickitat.

Corps and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (33 CFR 320-330 and 40 CFR 230) authorize the Corps to require compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to wetlands and other jurisdictional "waters of the U.S." The Corps is aware of challenges associated with past compensatory mitigation sites and is committed to improving the success of future compensatory mitigation projects. The Mitigation Guidelines and Monitoring Requirements (Guidelines) are designed to assist the regulated public with all aspects of the mitigation process and to provide information to ensure future compensatory mitigation sites successfully replace lost functions and values associated with regulated impacts to waters of the U.S.

The Guidelines will be applied by Regulatory Branch Project Managers for activities within the Portland District. The Guidelines were developed in conjunction with EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration- National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), other resource agencies, field investigations, and comments received from the initial public notice.

Questions and concerns regarding the Guidelines may be mailed to the following address or emailed to Kathryn.l.harris@usace.army.mil.

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